

To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapter 7
Handout 2

Name _____

Date _____ Hour _____

Character Analysis: Atticus *Group Activity*

Characterization is the method used by a writer to develop how the character looks, acts, and thinks. We can learn about characters from their words and their actions. Our attitude toward them can also be affected by the way other characters view them. In Chapters 1–7, characters express many opinions of Atticus Finch. This activity lets you study another facet of Atticus' character. By improving your understanding of him, you also improve your ability to foresee what happens later on in the story. Making predictions and continually evaluating your success sharpens your critical-thinking skills.

Directions: Answer the questions below in preparation for a class discussion on Atticus and his role in the novel.



1. In Chapter 5, Miss Maudie says, "Atticus Finch is the same in his house as he is on the public streets." What does she mean?
2. What does this statement suggest about his character at this point in the book?
3. What type of events might this predict in the novel?